

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan Town of Hilton Head Island

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (DHEC-OCRM) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on the proposed Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island.

The Beachfront Management Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 48-39-250 et seq., established a requirement in section 48-39-350 that coastal counties, cities and towns, in coordination with the department, prepare local comprehensive beach management plans. The comprehensive beach management plans are required to be submitted to DHEC-OCRM for review and approval by the State and must contain at least ten key elements.

The Town of Hilton Head Island, in coordination with DHEC-OCRM, prepared a Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan that satisfactorily addresses the ten elements and has adopted the plan by Town Ordinance. DHEC-OCRM will now review the submitted plan and consider public comments prior to approving, modifying or remanding the plan in accordance with DHEC-OCRM regulations and the State Beachfront Management Plan.

Interested persons are provided an opportunity to submit written comments on the Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island. Written comments should be submitted to Shawn Kiernan at DHEC-OCRM, 1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 400, Charleston, South Carolina 29405; E-mail kiernasp@dhec.sc.gov; fax (843) 953-0201.

A complete copy of the Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan is available for public review at the DHEC-OCRM offices at the above address between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at the DHEC-OCRM offices at 104 Parker Drive in Beaufort, and online at http://www.scdhec.net/environment/ocrm.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on January 19, 2009. Comments received by the deadline date will be considered in the decision to approve, modify or remand the Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan.